MOULTONBOROUGH RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ADVISORY BOARD

Mission Statement

The mission of the Advisory Board to the Moultonborough Recreation Department is to provide the public a standard of excellence in programs and services in a cooperative spirit that encourages participation in recreation, sport and leisure activities, while carefully promoting and utilizing recreational resources and facilities available in the community.

Purpose

The principal function of the Advisory Board is to serve as a communication bridge between the Recreation Director, the Board of Selectmen and the Community and to promote programs and services to encourage support from our community through input and participation.

Monday, January 13, 2014 7:00 P.M. Davis Room, Town Hall

Draft minutes

Present: Al Hume, Carla Taylor, Celeste Burns, Donna Kuethe Absent with Notice: Chris Shipp, Matt Swedberg

- I. CALL TO ORDER: All called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF November 18, 2013 MINUTES: Celeste Moved, Carla seconded. Motion carried.
- IV. NEW BUSINESS:
 - -Al passed out copies of the Town Report he drafted on behalf of the RAB.
 - -Al brought up his decision to step down as Chair. He will remain on the Board. Carla and Celeste would be next in line for Chair and Vice Chair. The question was also raised if Celeste could be Vice Chair and Secretary. Issues could come up if Carla were absent as Celeste could not run meetings and take Minutes. The issue was tabled for this meeting. Discussion then turned to the absence of

the remaining 2 Board members and possibly checking the basketball schedule in advance to accommodate Matt's schedule.

- Al then read the RAB's by-laws (the By-Laws will be posted on the website.) in terms of the duties of the Officers, when meetings are held, quorums, and rules of order. He then discussed the policy of absent members in terms of removing members for 3 + unexcused absences.

-Al then brought up our website that is managed by Donna Tatro. Donna added that it is Donna, Mary or Dan; someone in the office updates. He then brought up notices and said he only went into the Admin Office at Town Hall to write on the calendar but that it doesn't count as Notice. Donna offered to have her office post the Notice of Meetings at Town Hall and at the Rec. Dept. so the legal requirement will be met. She doesn't want to have the website be relied upon as one of the postings just in case of computer glitches. Celeste provided the Board with a Notice of the meetings for the year and Donna will make sure it is up.

-Celeste inquired as to the cancelled games from the previous weekend and if they could be rescheduled. She would like all to be rescheduled but if space is tight at least the older age groups could be looked into. Donna will confer with Dan.

v. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Scoreboard plaque: the plaque has been ordered. The final cost was \$178.00. Celeste will leave a check for AI at the MRD. AI expects it come in on Friday and will let everyone know if they are able to attend the delivery to the school as well.
- b. Update on gym: Donna has no update. Al inquired if there would be a warrant article. Donna does not have a definite answer. Al thought there was going to another article about funding and Donna said it could possibly be a site study.
- c. MRD follow up letter: MRD resolved accordingly.

- d. Changes for Basketball season in reference to early start of Tourney Teams: Dan intends to get the Carroll County teams going earlier but Donna needs to confirm the exact status with him. The Tournament will be February vacation week. Both teams will be in the A division and probably at Fryeburg Academy. Carla asked if it's a facility issue or a time issue that is delaying it getting started. Donna will follow up with Dan. MRD has excellent turnout for the 3 clinics.
- e. Evaluation process for the teams: No feedback yet but Donna thinks it went well. Dan spent significant time reviewing each team to assure fairness. Celeste asked if MRD had any feedback regarding the size of the boys teams. Discussion then turned to the pros and cons of more, smaller teams. Carla has felt for years that girls/boys can simply share shirts if need be and players would touch the ball more and be more conditioned to play competing teams if teams were smaller. Celeste added that older kids really need the experience so would advocate for smaller teams if possible. The MRD has been burned in the past because of players unexpectedly quitting or illness/sickness but it is hard to meet their philosophy of equal playing time with 12 kids on a team.
- f. Meeting/training for coaches: Dan addressed previously.
 Donna also ran a Coachsmart today for coaches who had not yet attended.
- g. Gym usage for summer camps how can RAB help together this done: Al brought up Chris' point from last month about asking the school to look for other contractors to get the gym floor done earlier. Celeste did not follow up with the school

because the school board has been bogged down with the budget but will follow up before the next meeting. Al believes bidding out the job could help scheduling. Donna added that it's hard from the school's perspective to upend the schedule based on whether or not it rains. Celeste added that all have the students' best interests at heart; the MRD needs are more immediate while the schools' needs/plans are long term and she will see if they can find room for the campers.

- h. Matt's position: No information available on Matt's permanent/alternate status.
- VI. RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT: Donna highlighted the great 1st night celebration with 23 teens from 5-10pm. Laser tag was a big hit. 63 children received calls from Santa. Figure skating and hockey start this week. Winter Days, in conjunction with MCS, started last Friday. The family skate party is January 26th2-4pm. Father-Daughter dance is February 21st. The Winter Carnival is being spread out this year and cardboard sled races are Feb. 22nd. Pickleball resumed this week and a 3rd session was added. At Ridgewood MRD is holding a starlight sunset snowshoe/hike @ 4:15 on February 9th. Soups/apps will be available. Ridgewood is open on weekends. MRD does not have snowshoes but will arrange to get some from the school for any interested parties. They will also have the library's telescope available for viewing.
- VII. CITIZEN/MEMBER INPUT: Carla asked about softball surveys.

 Donna will get the numbers to her. All agreed that the misconception that the season is canceled is still out there. Carla also volunteered Mark and Abby should she want to use them for clinics before the season.
- VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, February 10, 2014

IX. ADJOURNMENT: With no further business Al adjourned the meeting at 7:35 after a motion from Celeste, seconded by Carla.

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